

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

and

STATE OF MAINE
LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY)
NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT)
#L-27625-26-A-N/#L-27625-TG-B-N/)
#L-27625-2C-C-N/#L-27625-VP-D-N/)
#L-27625-IW-E-N)

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY)
NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT)
SITE LAW CERTIFICATION SLC-9)
Beattie Twp, Lowelltown Twp, Skinner Twp,)
Appleton Twp, T5 R7 BKP WKR,)
Hobbs town Twp, Bradstreet Twp,)
Parlin Pond Twp, West Forks Plt, Moxie Gore,)
The Forks Plt, Bald Mountain Twp, Concord Twp)

PRE-FILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF
ROBERT MEYERS

March 25, 2019

Robert Meyers, being duly sworn submits this pre-filed rebuttal testimony as follows:

1. Several intervenors have submitted pre-filed testimony containing various assertions to the general effect that the line should not be built because of its materially adverse effects upon multiple forms of outdoor recreational experience including specifically snowmobiling. See pre-filed testimony by Robert Haynes, Greg Caruso, Garnett Robinson, James Presiendorfer, Kathy Barkley, and Elizabeth Caruso.

2. As indicated in my original testimony, I have served full time as the Executive Director of the Maine Snowmobile Association for twenty-three years and it is my full-time job to work with and advocate for tens of thousands of snowmobile enthusiasts. As I read the pre-

filed testimony of the opponents expressing concerns about the interests of the snowmobiling community, it appears to me that the witnesses are projecting or predicting attitudes and reactions of snowmobilers with no real basis for their assumptions which appear to be speculative. Their statements are not consistent with my observations and experience.

3. The proposed transmission line is an important part of public utility infrastructure and it will be built on private land. Snowmobilers are grateful to have the opportunity to use trails on private land and generally do not consider that they have a right to limit otherwise lawful uses of that private land concurrent with their own use of it. But, if the aesthetic preferences of visitors to or near land owned by others are a basis for controlling how that land is used, it is my opinion that snowmobilers are not strongly concerned about every change in the scenery and are respectful of the owners' rights to use the owners' lands, even if it means change in the way those lands look to a snowmobile rider.

4. Some of the witnesses make clear in their testimony that their actual concern is for the wellbeing of businesses that serve snowmobilers. Assuming economic evidence or business impact evidence being considered, it remains my opinion that snowmobilers are generally unconcerned about the powerlines that exist and will remain unconcerned about an additional fifty-three miles through working forest. As a person who works full-time with the snowmobiling community, I remain of the view that snowmobilers will not be offended by having to see portions of this line during some of their rides.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

3/21/19


Robert Meyers

STATE OF Maine

COUNTY OF Kennebec

March 21, 2019

The above-named Robert Meyers personally appeared before me and gave oath that the pre-filed testimony herein above is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Notary Public

My commission expires: June 02, 2023